

by rendering the food as palatable as can be. The horses' likes in the way of food should be studied. Frequently these shy feeders show a decided preference for certain foods, and will eat freely of them while disdaining others.

SOME MIXTURES.

Thus in some cases it may be found a useful plan to mix dry bran with the oats instead of cut oat sheaf, bran generally being greatly relished by horses. In other cases it may be found that the horse prefers crushed oats to whole ones, and it should be humoured accordingly. Again, in other instances a mixture of oats and corn with a few beans added—may prove more to the liking of a shy feeder than oats alone. The palatability of the grain may be much increased by mixing with it some minced carrots or chaffed green forage, while the addition of a couple of handfuls of linseed meal to the feed of grain also serve to render it much more palatable to the horse.

It is always important not to give too large a quantity of grain at a time. Small feeds should be given at frequent intervals, this plan being the best and usually the only way to insure a regular appetite and a clean manger. Only very little chaff should be mixed with the grain, or, as has already been mentioned, it oftentimes proves a very useful plan to substitute bran for the chaff. Nothing is more calculated to put a shy feeder off its food than the common practice of filling a huge feed of grain and chaff into the manger at one time. When this reprehensible mode of feeding is followed the food is blown upon and perhaps also slobbered over by the horse, thus becoming stale and is rendered unpalatable to a horse that is inclined to daintiness in feeding. Any food which the horse may have left in the manger after finishing his feed should be immediately removed, an empty manger in between the appointed feeding times being requisite if the horse is to be ready for its next feed. The manger, it need hardly be said, must be kept clean, and punctuality and regularity in feeding are of great assistance in promoting the thriving of a horse that is a bad doer owing to a delicate appetite.

A SUPPLY OF SALT

helps to keep up the appetite and to maintain its regularity, and it should therefore never be omitted to place a lump of rock salt within reach of the animal. It is most desirable and advisable to let a horse which is a shy feeder have constant access to water by keeping a bucket filled with water in the stall or loose box. This mode of watering is frequently of much use in getting delicate feeders to eat their food more readily than they otherwise do. In many cases it will be found that when they have the opportunity of drinking an occasional go-down of water whilst eating their corn or hay, they feed with more relish and zest, the appetite being stimulated by drinking while feeding.

It is necessary to exercise care not to let the system get into a heated state, while it is also of the utmost importance to keep the bowels in perfect working order. If the latter are allowed to become at all constipated, or if the system gets into a heated state, the appetite of the horse is sure to be adversely affected thereby, and becomes even more than usually capricious and dainty. In order to keep the system cool and the bowels sufficiently active an ample supply of laxative food of some description or another must be provided, this being a most important point.

APPETISING FOODS.

When a shy feeder happens to go completely off its grain without apparent cause, the best plan to adopt is to miss out one or even two feeds of grain, giving a bran mash or a bran and linseed mash instead. By doing this the appetite can usually be easily restored again. It is of no use under these circumstances to try and get a horse to eat his grain by putting some in the manger and leaving it there. The animal, when really off its feed, will not touch it, and to put any before it then simply disgusts it. The only proper course to adopt is to restore the appetite by depriving the horse of one or two feeds of grain and thus making it thoroughly hungry.

The hay which is fed to horses that are delicate feeders should be of as good quality and as palatable as possible. Inferior and poor hay is not

very suitable for such horses, as they require tasty stuff. A horse never surfeits itself by eating hay, no matter how much it eats, and hay can well be supplied *ad libitum*, this plan being best. The horse, can then pick out the tasty parts, while rejecting the unpalatable bits, and this plan, though it may appear somewhat wasteful, at any rate ensures that the horse eats a sufficiency of hay. Some horses evince a great partiality for slightly mow-burnt hay, much preferring it to lighter colored hay which has not heated so much in the stack. Shy feeders may with advantage be humoured in respect to this.

The proper and only successful way of keeping a shy feeder in good appetite and satisfactory condition is to feed the animal carefully in the manner described above. FARMER AND STOCKBREEDER.

Lost, Strayed or Impounded

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Below is to be found a list of impounded, lost and stray stock in Western Canada. In addition to notices otherwise received, it includes the official list of such animals reported to the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Governments.
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SASKATCHEWAN

ESTRAY.

TREGARVA—Since January 1, 1906, red yearling steer, white face, indistinct brand on right ribs. M. W. Cotton.

SUMNER—Since March 1st, yearling bull calf, red, horned. Wm. Cosgrave.

GRAYSON—Since last fall, sorrel horse, very old, spavined on hind leg, shoes on front feet, animal in very poor condition. John Abel.

BROOKSIDE—Since November 1, 1905, red steer, white spots, white star on face, branded on left hip with design resembling F, animal's age about two years old. M. Macrae.

EDENWALD—Since February 20, 1906, yearling bay colt, white star or spot on forehead, unbranded. George Sawyer.

FILE HILLS INDIAN RESERVE—for some time, dark pony mare with colt at foot, white spot on forehead, white hind foot, no visible brand, lame on hind foot. Wm. Gordon.

BEAVERDALE—Red heifer, speckled face, white on belly, spot on left hind shoulder and lower part of tail. Same animal wintered near here last winter, no brand. Wm. Wilson, postmaster.

CARLYLE—Since December 1, 1905, red steer, one year old. W. T. Sanborn.

ESTRAY ENTIRE.

BROOKSIDE—Since November 1, 1905, two year old, red bull, white star on face, cut in left ear, hind feet white. M. Macrae.

LOST.

HILL FARM, Sask.—Since last fall, bunch of seven calves, mixed in color. Information respecting same will be thankfully received. Mrs. C. Clarke.

LOON CREEK—About March 1, 1905, black horse, seven years old, weight about 1,200 pounds, branded 7a on left shoulder and indistinct brand on right thigh, scar from barb wire cut on front of left hock. \$25.00 reward. Frank E. Adams, Cupar.

OTTHON—Bay gelding, about nine years old, two hind feet white, little white on face, branded on right hip D bar joined to an inverted D. \$25.00 offered for recovery of same. Sam Naggy.

ALBERTA.

ESTRAY.

WETASKIWIN—Since November 1, 1905, cow, black with white stripe along the back and on under part of belly; also some white on face, dehorned, no visible brand; she also has a red and white calf by her side. C. P. Meredith (25-45-24-W4).

STAR—Since January, 1906, bay mare, weight about 1,000 pounds, branded O on left hip and right shoulder. Jacob Stromski.

HILL END—Since October, 1905, heifer, red, medium long horns, three years old, rather wild disposition, branded 5 quarter circle over followed by open R. T. Day, Jr.

GILPIN—Since December, 1905, pony gelding, grey wall eyes and short tail, weight about 850 pounds, brand near shoulder, looks like N. Pony, black, three white feet, saddle or harness marks on withers, weight about 750 pounds, no visible brand. Arch. Cartwright.

LITTLE BOW—Near High River, since spring of 1905, mare chestnut, two white stripes on face, also white under chin, three of the legs inclined to be white to the knees, branded HL monogram on left hip very low down, also blotch brand over the HL. Richard Brodick.

BEAUMONT—Horse, black, hind legs white nearly to hocks, about 12 years of age, weight about 900 pounds, no visible brand. Geo. Bilodeau.

WHITFORD—Since May, 1905, steer, red, three years old, no visible brand. R. H. Mennie.

MEDICINE HAT—One roan cow and calf, cow branded compass 2 over half diamond on right hip. Owner please pay expenses and take away. Thos. I. Lokier, Bull Springs Ranch.

LOST.

STETTNER—Since August, cream mare, raising three years, white stripe down face, walks on outside of hind hoofs, weight 900 pounds, unbranded. Ten dollars reward. R. Russell, owner.

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